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Defender's Song, "Faith of Our Fathers"

Defender's Motto, "Back To The Bible"

Evolution -- Its Biologic Proofs

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Bible Teacher and Lecturer

I am Sir Oracle, when I open my lips let no man speak." These words came to mind when we read a pamphlet, with the above mentioned caption, written by a prominent doctor. The article originally appeared in the Welfare Magazine and was later "Printed by Authority of the State of Illinois," and issued under the great seal of the state.

The writer of the article states his "postulate" in his second paragraph thus: "The doctrine of evolution is regarded as established beyond controversy. From the standpoint of science, evolution is a great law of Nature, as firmly established as is Newton's law of gravitation. No rival hypotheses are in the field save the worn-out and completely discredited doctrine of special creation. There are no known facts contrary to evolution, while, on the contrary, there are thousands of correlated facts that support it and accord with it."

It is such bumptious, dogmatic and half-baked assertions that have roused the opposition of people all over the country, especially those who believe the Bible to be the

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UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS UNITE TO PROMOTE EVOLUTION

On January 1st, the Associated Press published a statement from New York made by the American Association of University Professors, to the effect that nationwide effort to defend and promote Evolution might be expected. The Association of Professors authorized a special committee to co-operate with the American Association for the Advancement of Science to prepare publicity material in defense of their cause. The chairman of the committee said, "We seldom have legal power of redress, but we do have a powerful weapon in the publicity we can give to offending institutions."

By "offending institutions" we take it that he means such organizations as **The Defenders of the Christian Faith**. The report says, "what is taught as science should be determined by qualified experts in their field rather than by popular vote." What is a "qualified expert"? Who qualifies them? Who pays them their salary? The voters pay the salaries, and since this is true, perhaps a "popular vote" as to whether Evolution shall be taught to babies may not be so far wrong after all.

The Association cited in its resolution the action of three states which have enacted anti-evolution laws and similar restrictions in some institutions of learning, and declared, "We deplore all such efforts to restrict the freedom of teaching and learning in science." We know of no effort to restrict true science. Evolution is not science. It is an atheistic philosophy.

Rasputin--The Holy Devil Of Russia

By, Gerald B. Winrod

For a picture of Rasputin see page 13.

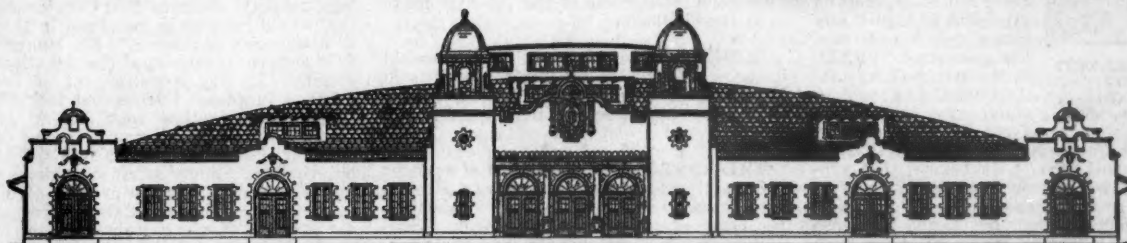
Books are being written about Rasputin. Newspaper articles are appearing. Secular journals are discussing the man, his deeds and his tragic death.

From all reports, he seems to have been a bad man, a wicked man, a sensual man, a sex-mad man. It is said that before the collapse of Russia he held more power in his hands than any other man in the Country. One day he shook his coarse, peasant fist vigorously and said: "Between these fingers I hold the Russian Empire!"

One cannot read about Rasputin without being impressed with the fact that he possessed supernatural powers. A strange force rested in those pig-like, piercing eyes. A superhuman power seemed to ooze from those big, rough hands. His unkempt hair, his peasant garb, his heavy boots, his powerful body, his mystical stare, all seemed to speak of a Satanic force. When the Bible student studies Rasputin he thinks of demons.

In some respects, the experience of modern Russia was like that of ancient Israel. Saul was king. He betrayed his trust. He

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CADLE TABERNACLE — INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA — 10,000 SEATS

A Great Meeting of The Defenders of the Christian Faith will be held here February 3rd to 10th

Readers of The Defender everywhere are hereby requested to pray for the great Indianapolis gathering February 3rd to 10th. This is an urgent request. For details regarding the Indianapolis meeting and the nation-wide program now being launched, turn to page 5. The Defender Family represents a praying constituency. Pray now. Prayer changes things.



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THE BUILDING of the First Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas, of which J. Frank Norris is pastor, was burned to the ground January 12th. The property was valued at \$1,000,000. Press reports say it was covered by insurance.



FRED E. BENNETT
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Science Foundation

ing, 614 Elgin Ave., Forest Park, Illinois.

Dr. Bennett says, "We believe that evolution is a world-wide menace, now marshalling its reserves through the field of militarism, atheistic communism, and a selfish form of individualism in the social and business world. These forces stand for evolution; and evolution produced these forces. . . Its caption, 'the survival of the fittest' is the cry of the jungle and cannot for that reason be made to produce brotherhood in society, equity in economic organization, nor God contact in religion. It is wholly negative. . . The American Science Foundation demands the evidence on which so many of our educators have surrendered Geology, Biology, Sociology, and Theology to the ape ancestry."

THE AMERICAN SCIENCE FOUNDATION is the name of a constructive organization for the defense of Christianity as against atheistic philosophies. Dr. Fred E. Bennett is president and with him many well known men are associated. "FAX" is the name of its official magazine and a copy may be secured for a dime by addressing,

BAPTIST EVANGELIST, good man, good speaker, member of The Defenders, available for meetings in Middle States. Write Defender.

WHEN the Hoover party crossed the Andes mountains after leaving Chile their train passed the world famous statue known as "Christ of the Andes." In 1902 Argentina and Chile were on the verge of war over a boundary dispute. Through the efforts of women and the clergy the quarrel was settled by arbitration and the money that would have been spent on war was used for road building, better harbors, a railway across the Andes and other public needs. Then the women of the two countries raised funds to erect a colossal statue of Christ on the highest point of the disputed territory.

DR. GORE, former Bishop of Oxford, said to be "the greatest living English theologian" has, with the aid of fifty specialists on different subjects, edited a "Commentary on the Holy Scripture" which declares a number of Bible stories are myths. Classed as such are the narratives of Creation, the Deluge, and the Tower of Babel. Some of the outstanding leaders of the Church of England helped compile the book. It is attracting wide attention in Europe.

THERE ARE thirteen portfolios in Mussolini's Cabinet and he holds seven of them personally; thus he is the majority of his Cabinet.

MRS. BRYAN recently gave Bryan Memorial University, Dayton, Tennessee, 300 books which belonged to the late Commoner. They were presented to the library of the University. Among them was Darwin's "Descent of Man."

THE MAYOR of the progressive little city of Tel-Aviv, Palestine, was recently given a royal welcome in Chicago by Mayor Thompson. The name of the Tel-Aviv mayor is David Bloch.

BONES said to be 75 million years old have been found by California scientists in Mexico. This announcement has been made in glaring head-lines in newspapers. Ho Hum!

THE LAST LINK in the chain of customs and traditions which made Turkey a Moslem rather than a European nation, is about to be shattered with the abandonment of Friday as the Moslem sabbath, and the adoption of Sunday in its place.

"THE JANUARY number of The Defender came to hand this afternoon and I have already read it from beginning to end. I wish it was larger. It is very helpful to all readers. Is there any possibility of making it larger? . . . I was greatly interested in your account of the Convention." . . . Dr. Allan McDonald Patterson, Pastor First Presbyterian Church, Woodbury Heights, N. J.

TWO PITTSBURG women left recently for Africa to hunt animals. The Defender Missionary Tour expects to go to hunt souls. See page 3.

"ROME IS IN CHINA. And we wish our friends to know definitely that we are against her." Thus writes Chas. W. Rankin, President of the University of China, in a circular dated December 10th. His organization prints the following words on its letter-head: "Fundamentalist, Armenian, Post-millennial, Anti-evolution, Anti-Roman Catholic."

PROFESSOR EINSTEIN, the man who killed gravity, has written a new book of five pages on which he worked ten years. He says, "A few days ago I submitted to the academy of science a work that treats with a novel development of the theory of relativity. The purpose of this work is to unite the laws of the field of gravitation and electro-magnetism under a uniform viewpoint." More than 3,775 books have been written expounding relativity.

WOE be to the man or woman that provokes the wrath of Benito Mussolini! The Chicago Tribune says that between October 20th and November 27th of last year, 110 men and women were sent to prison islands for terms from one to twenty years. The aggregate of these sentences total about three centuries. In almost every instance the prisoner was simply charged with "political crimes."

AN "Al Smith for president in 1932" Club has been formed in Washington, D. C., by friends who yet believe he may some day become president.

BEFORE OUR EYES scientists are creating a "New God" in their laboratories, according to their own words. Professor Harry Elmer Barnes, sociologist of Smith College, recently declared that "the concept of God would have to be redefined in the light of discoveries in science." Dr. Harry Fairfield Osborn, president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, rebuked Professor Barnes and took the position that scientists were having enough trouble without stirring up religious discussions of this kind. The "New God" idea is bursting upon many as an outrageous shock but it is here. It is the product of modern materialism. The scientists are responsible for it and it speaks certain doom to the ideals and worship of the past for multitudes of helpless souls who are bound by the shackles of materialism and who have never known the action of God upon their souls.

"NO WEAPON that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn." Isa. 54:17.

PHILIP MAURO recently held a successful series of meetings in Rader's Tabernacle, Chicago.

**MANY INTERESTED IN DEFENDER
MISSIONARY, RESEARCH TOUR**

Hundreds of letters are being received from readers expressing interest, enthusiasm and satisfaction over the 1929 DEFENDER MISSIONARY AND RESEARCH TOUR. We thank God for the prayers that are ascending. Some may feel that it is a mistake to launch this great program abroad when there is so much to be done at home. Such persons have never caught the vision of a world's need of Christ. The Defender Movement would some day dry up and blow away if it were not given impetus by a vigorous missionary program.

There is important deputation work to be done in French West Africa. Fifty Alliance missionaries are at work there. Their forces must be strengthened. The scene of the William Harris revival on the Ivory Coast is to be studied first hand. Other points in Africa are to be visited.

Much research work has been outlined for the Party in Palestine, including a study of the region of the ancient Giant cities. The Party is also scheduled for a week of meetings in Greece. We expect to make moving pictures every place we go and bring back reports of actual conditions for great audiences.

If you have not yet contributed to the Missionary, Research Fund, please use the blank below.

Dr. John R. Turnbull, whose writings have been so thoroughly enjoyed by readers of these pages, has the itinerary in hand and is working out all the details for the Party while abroad. It is to be questioned whether a more efficient man in America could be secured for this important work. He was for many years a missionary in India and was later stationed in Palestine. He was made a Fellow of the Royal Geographic Society for his daring a noble work in the Arabian desert a few years ago.

MY OFFERING

Dear Brother Winrod:

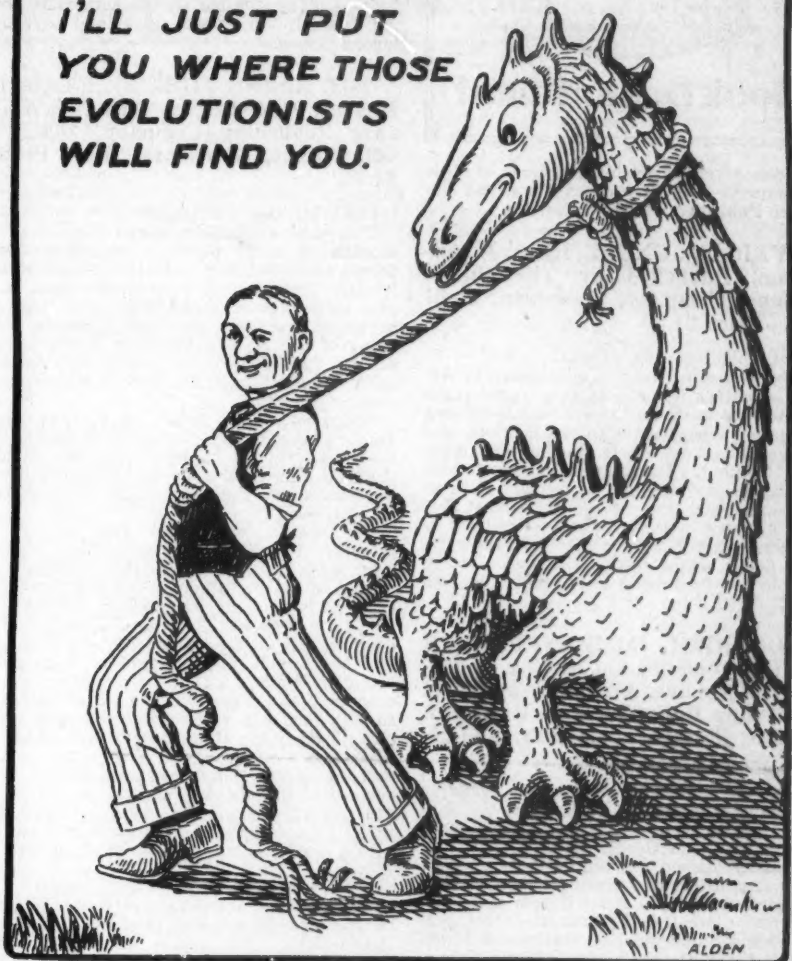
Please find enclosed \$.....to help meet the needs of the 1929 Defender Missionary and Research Tour. I shall continue to pray for the undertaking.

Name

Address

NOTE: Persons giving \$5.00 or more will receive a souvenir letter from the Party written in Jerusalem, bearing the Jerusalem post-mark. With the letter there will be enclosed an olive leaf from the Mount of Olives. Every such contributor will also receive free a copy of the book which will be written during the Tour.

**COM'ON JUMBO!—
I'LL JUST PUT
YOU WHERE THOSE
EVOLUTIONISTS
WILL FIND YOU.**



ANOTHER "FIND" EXPLODED

This is how it happened. Two business men from Petaluma, California, came upon some teeth, vertebrae and the tusk of a mastodon in the Bodega Creek district of their State last year. We will call the mastodon Jumbo, for this was not his name. Professors from the Museum of Paleontology of the University of California were called. Jumbo was examined. Reports were published at once about this wonderful "find."

The geologists said that Jumbo was a denizen of a cold region, that he had been a huge animal, that he roamed about in California 250,000 years ago. They said that Jumbo was found deposited in Pleistocene strata. A press report says, "Geologists fix the date of deposit at a quarter of a million years ago." Of course, this estimate was only a wild guess—a hit of pseudo science. But it was taken seriously, as many guesses in the field of Evolution are taken by gullible devotees of Darwinism who find it difficult to believe the Genesis statement of creation.

Jumbo had helped upset Genesis. Jumbo had helped put the origin of man back several million years. Jumbo had arrived just in time, with his teeth, vertebrae and tusk, to help the evolutionists establish the doctrine of Evolution even more firmly. But, about the time they got Jumbo all put together, fixed up and dressed up, to make a respectable appearance in a Museum, behold he jumped out of the harness, kicked over the traces and went galloping down the lane.

This is how it happened. A gentleman by the name of John Roach, a veteran and expert diver, astonished the scientists when he announced that he remembered the very day those fossils were dumped into the Pleistocene strata. What? Could it be that John Roach had lived in that remote time "a quarter of a million years ago?" Or, could it be possible that the professors were mistaken?

Mr. Roach actually claimed that he dumped the last and least remains of Jumbo there himself on a stormy evening in December 1889. He was quoted as follows in the San Francisco Examiner: "The bones got where they did in this way. I found them five fathoms deep in what was left of the wreck of the 'Prince Albert' (a ship) off the Marin coast. She had brought them down in her hold from Alaska. And I took the trouble to bring them up, while salvaging, to give to Captain Wendt who ran the Bowhead Saloon on the waterfront. He kept a collection of such curios."

"It was storming. I could do no diving, so I put the bones—heavy as lead—in a buggy and started to drive to Sausalito on my way to the city. I had to go round about and the buggy mired near San Antonio in the Creek district, so I dumped out the bones to lighten the cargo. That's how they got there."



Book Department

Books given favorable mention in this Department may be ordered from The Defender Publishers, Wichita, Kansas.

AFRICAN JUNGLE, By, A. M. Anderson, Published by The Gospel Trumpet Company, Anderson, Indiana. Price \$1.00.

Cloth binding; 192 pages.

The author has been a missionary to Africa seventeen years. During these years of intensive missionary work he has become intimately associated with the heathen, and has come to know their customs and manner of living. His personal contact with the people provided him with many rich experiences which are recorded in a most fascinating way in these pages. The book is certain to interest every reader in the spiritual needs of the Dark Continent. Young and old will be blessed and benefited by this book.

YOUTHFUL COMPANIONS FOR JESUS, Compiled and Edited by Hilmer B. Sandine, Published by Faith Publishing House, 3028 N. Kilpatrick Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Price \$1.25.

Cloth binding; 190 pages.

Rev. Sandine has rendered a genuine service in bringing this book before the public. He has brought into correlation more than thirty true Gospel stories. These illustrations unfold the Gospel message so a child can understand and in a manner that is certain to bless adults. Herein preachers will find a wealth of illustrations for sermons, and Sunday School workers will find material for their Classes. These Gospel stories cover a wide scope and have been selected from a great variety of material. Every illustration conveys a vital, pungent message.

HEROES OF MISSIONS, By, P. E. Kretzmann, Published by, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. Price 50 cents.

Paper binding; 52 pages.

This brochure contains condensed statements about the lives and works of twenty-four great missionaries. It is compact and straight to the point. The trials and experiences with God and man, of these pioneers who blazed the trail of foreign missions, will thrill the most sluggish reader. This work is arranged to make it convenient for use in Christian schools as well as for the general reader.

THE BEST POSSIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL, By, Walter E. Schuette, Lutheran Book Concern, 55-59 East Main St., Columbus, Ohio. Price \$1.00.

Cloth binding; 171 pages.

The author clearly defines and firmly fixes the real aim of Sunday-school work, describes the needed equipment, states the qualifications of teachers and officers, discusses manners and methods of teaching and closes with a cheery word of encouragement in view of the blessed results of Sunday-school work. The treatment is infor-

mal, genial and charming, yet intensely serious. There is a refreshing absence of technical terms and scientific phrases, making the book delightfully readable in all its parts and intelligible to teachers who are not familiar with pedagogical and psychological terms.

THE RISING TIDE, By, Elizabeth Knauss, Published by, Christian Alliance Publishing Company, 260 W. 44th Street, New York City. Price \$1.75.

Cloth binding; 248 pages.

This book contains a comprehensive discussion of many present day evils. Reforms are advocated, but the writer makes it plain that all true reformation must begin with regeneration. The book has a prophetic background which accounts for many of the evils of the hour on the basis of the "perilous times" which the writer claims are predicted to precede the second coming of Christ.

We read, "The Youth Movement, the Junior Atheist Association, Modernism in the churches, and kindred evils, can all be traced to the real source—to Communism—granting, of course, that at the root of all evil is sin."

The author says that she was first prompted to make the investigations which later made possible the startling disclosures contained in this volume, when some leaflets came to her hands published by the American Defense Society, of Washington, D. C., dealing with a "very important raid which had been made in Michigan by state and county officials." The raid brought out documentary proof and incriminating evidence to the effect that a well organized move was on to destroy the Home, the Church and the Government of America. She purports to find an unseen hand working behind the scenes, of Satanic origin, with the deliberate aim of producing a reign of chaos by polluting society with atheistic and materialistic teachings and ideals, which speak of inevitable ruin.

This book contains a vast amount of shocking material, quotations and examples of the most outrageous conditions conceivable which, as far as the present reviewer knows, has never before been brought to the light.

THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS, By, W. P. Goard, Published by, The Covenant Publishing Co., 6 Buckingham Gate, London. Price 2/6d.

Cloth binding; 94 pages.

The author is an expert in producing concise expositions of the Word. Indeed, it is quite a task to pack a treatise of the Book of Romans into 94 pages, but the amount of material presented here is remarkable.

With a skilful hand the author has traced the general outlines of the epistle. He has done this with such originality that the concurrence of scholarly theologians will be enlisted on its behalf, while, at the same time, he has written with such clearness of expression that the ordinary reader will easily grasp the chief arguments of St. Paul.

THE ALLIANCE WEEKLY, 260 W. 44th St., New York, N. Y. Price \$2.00.

Attention is being called to this truly great religious journal in the Book Department this month. Dr. Walter M. Turnbull is the editor. To say that he is getting out a unique publication is to put it mildly. Articles of the deep, spiritual and inspirational type are delivered every week, and with them there always comes some fine missionary material. It is the official organ of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Mauro-Griswood Articles End This Month

Letters of appreciation for the special series of articles by Mr. Philip Mauro and Rev. G. A. Griswood continue to pour in. A Presbyterian pastor writes: "The January Defender is grand . . . You certainly did a fine thing in getting Mauro and Griswood to discuss dispensational and prophetic matters."

It has been interesting to read the letters that have come to us. Many different opinions have been expressed, but practically all the letters have been written in a kind, friendly and appreciative spirit. We are glad that our friends feel that we are trying to be fair in dealing with these mooted issues.

While the views of Mr. Mauro are new and revolutionary in some respects as compared with the views held generally on the themes treated, yet there is a popular feeling that he has earned the right to be heard because of his years of faithful service to the Cause of Christ. Leander S. Keyser expresses it this way in the *Bible Champion*, "Our impression is that Mr. Mauro argues the question with marked ability and real incisiveness. . . . In the interest of fairness and truth this work (Mr. Mauro's late book) ought to be carefully studied—only let not the controversy develop into any bitterness of spirit. It is evident that both parties are sincere Christian believers."

The conditions of the discussion between Mr. Mauro and Rev. Griswood are as follows:

- (1) Subjects: "Dispensations" (December)
"Daniel's 70 Weeks" (January)
"The Great Tribulation" (February)
- (2) Each writer is permitted to use 2,300 words each month.
- (3) The discussion shall NOT take on the form of a debate.
- (4) Mr. Mauro is not permitted to know what Rev. Griswood has written, and Rev. Griswood is not permitted to know what Mr. Mauro has written, until the articles are published.

The last of the series on "The Great Tribulation" is being published this month. Rev. Griswood has written widely on these subjects and among other things has some very fine prophetic charts which may be secured at low cost. He may be addressed, 3956-30th Street, San Diego, California.

Hamilton Brothers, Publishers, 120 Tremont St., Boston, Mass., publish Mr. Mauro's books. His last volume, which is attracting wide attention is called "The Gospel of the Kingdom." Price \$2.00.

Many new subscribers have come into the Defender Family as a result of these articles and we hereby give these new friends a most hearty welcome.

—Gerald B. Winrod.

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In The Name Of Our God We Will Set Up Our Banners. Ps. 20:5 Defender Movement Takes Nation-Wide Proportions!

Cadle Tabernacle of Indianapolis, Indiana, has been selected as the ideal place for a great national gathering under the direction of **The Defenders of the Christian Faith**, covering the period February 3rd to 10th. The building seats 10,000. Prominent pastors, Churches, Laymen and other Organizations of Indianapolis, are cooperating to the limit in their united effort to make this gathering a success. Let **Defender Readers** be at their receiving sets between 10:00 and 11:00 P. M. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights, February 3rd, 4th and 5th, and be ready to tune in to WKBF, 214.2 wave length, the Hoosier Athletic Club, Indianapolis, and they will hear a typical **Defender** program. On Wednesday, the 6th, we have the hour from 8:00 to 9:00 P. M. engaged.

We earnestly request that **Defender Readers** in every section of the Country will pray daily while this great convention is in session. Pray for the speakers, for the crowds, for the radio addresses, for the leaders of **The Defender Movement**, for the finances, for the preachers and Churches of Indianapolis. Pray for the unsaved who will attend the meetings, for the young people that have been turned from the Faith by Evolution, for the professing Christians whose souls and minds have been poisoned by the venom of Modernism. Pray that revival flames may be generated across the continent. We have learned something of the science of prayer. We know how it works, moves, creates, when great numbers of people blend their souls in the bonds of love and unity of spirit. Pray hard. Pray long. Pray earnestly. Be a "Prayer Warrior."

The Defender Movement is being launched on a nation-wide basis. We have twenty states slated which we expect to invade one after another if present plans go through. Our plan is to hold one big meeting in a large city in each state. Thus we hope to establish a nerve-center in every state in the Union.

Eventually we expect to hold forty-eight conventions a year, one in every state. Why not? We worship a big God. We are supporting a big religion. Let us grip God with a big faith. It can be done. God has blessed the work in a remarkable manner in the Middle States. We are seeking new worlds to conquer. **The Defender Movement** has succeeded in everything it has undertaken so far. It must not fail in this, its greatest venture.

No effort is being made to correlate the militant evangelical forces of the Country. But we are concerned about the correlation of a praying constituency. This is God's program. His Spirit must dominate to the point of leadership in all that is undertaken. No effort is being made to bring any considerable number of preachers and Christian workers into affiliation. We are taking our appeal directly to the people by printed page, radio and public meetings. No burdensome committees are being appointed. There is no swivel-chair leadership. There is no lost motion. There is no talking about what we are going to do—we are doing it.

The program is one of energy and action. We mean business for God and 1929 must be a big year in His service.

About five months ago we started a systematic study of conditions the Country over. Our conclusion is that the time is ripe, and the need urgent for a nation-wide, organized move in defense of the Bible, the Church, the children, and our Holy Faith. We searched America for the most popular, dynamic, scholarly and sweet-spirited preach-

er, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Goodland, Kansas, and myself. George Dibble, a Gospel singer of national reputation, will have charge of the musical programs. Each morning at 10:30 there will be a Morning Bible Hour. Addresses will be delivered every afternoon and night.

It is at once evident that there will be large overhead expense connected with this nation-wide drive. If you have some consecrated money that you would like to invest in such a program, it will be acceptable. Ask God to guide you as you give.

Now for a few words about the purpose, plan and policy of **The Defenders of the Christian Faith**:

Through our magazine and other literature we reach every state in the Union, many parts of Canada and other English speaking countries. Through our missionary interests we touch many nations. We are international and interdenominational in scope. Pastors and laymen of practically all evangelical denominations are affiliated with the Movement.

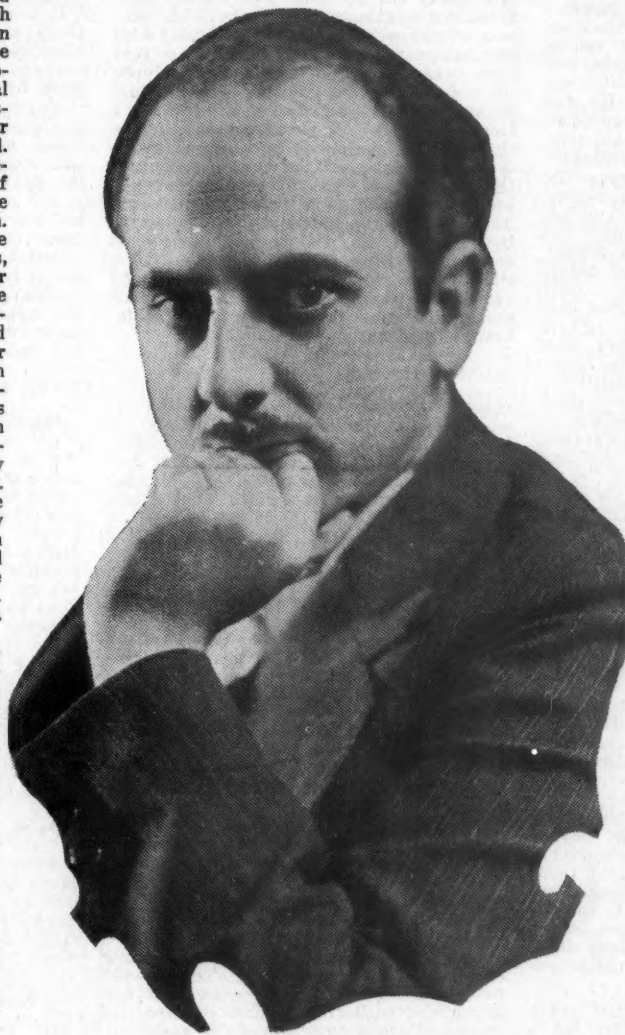
We love the Church of Jesus Christ. We recognize its supernatural origin. However, we recognize also the loss of spiritual vitality in many pulpits and churches. We deplore the inroads of blighting heresies which can only sap the Church of her strength. We see the need of vigorous evangelism. We believe that pulpit and pew should begin emphasizing the supernatural element in our religion at once. We hope for an early return to the historic faith of our fathers. We believe that enthusiasm for the Gospel should be created everywhere. We want to see the present inertia dispelled. We feel that from some source God will supply a spiritual dynamic force that will restore in no small measure the spiritual strength of bygone days. We wish it were possible to put the Church of Jesus Christ to its knees without farther delay. The Church needs to grip her Christ in a new and vital way. Perhaps God is raising up the **Defender Movement** to help toward these ends.

We are grieved at the rapid advance of materialistic, mechanistic and atheistic philosophies in our schools. We would be lacking in candor if we did not say that we believe men of science should discriminate carefully between their facts and their theories. Great care should be exercised, lest unproved theories, of purely human and recent origin, which

are dangerous to faith and morals, should be taught by zealots in the name of science. We are not favorable to teaching the theory of Evolution in Grade and High Schools.

Our methods are constructive in the strictest sense. We engage in no snarling talk. We employ no bombast. We make no effort to excite aversion. We smash no personalities. We assume the constructive principle. We believe that any defense of the Faith to be effective, must be carried on in a kind, spiritual, courteous spirit. Our stand for the truth is uncompromising, but we retain an atmosphere of love in every

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GERALD B. WINROD

er available to head the list of speakers. Paul Rader, the world-known pulpit orator and radio preacher of Chicago, was selected. We expect to use all the time that Mr. Rader can possibly spare us during the coming months. He will speak each day at the Indianapolis meeting.

A better group of **Defenders** could not be assembled than we have scheduled for Indianapolis. The speakers will be Paul Rader of Chicago, Paul W. Rood, president of the Bryan Bible League of California, Charles E. Fuller, of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, John R. Turnbull, a Fellow of the Royal Geographic Society, M. R. Star-

The Great Tribulation

By, G. A. Griswood

(Before reading this article read the one entitled "Mauro-Griswood Articles," page 4.)

INTRODUCTION

In dealing with the subject in hand, we have decided to confine ourselves strictly to the Scriptures that point directly to the great Tribulation. There are numerous passages in both Old and New Testament where it is implied; these cannot be considered in this present article. It can truly be stated that since the fall there has always been tribulation, especially as connected with the children of Israel. There is not a nation upon the face of the earth that has experienced such undying sorrow, unprecedented anguish and such continuous persecution as the Jews. The vitality and vigor of the Jew is phenomenal. He survives as did the burning bush; he can never be consumed. He is in a covenanted relationship with God and hundreds of prophecies concerning him await fulfillment. The Jew has been disciplined, dispersed, carried away captive, down-trodden, cast out, rejected, spit upon, burned alive, put to the sword, sent to sea in rotten ships, robbed, plundered and murdered. Yet he abides without flag, throne, KING, temple or Holy City. He wanders on, little realizing that before Messiah can regather and restore them to divine favor in the land they must yet pass through a time which the Scriptures describe as JACOB'S TROUBLE, THE GREAT TRIBULATION. Israel must pass under the rod. The furnace will be heated seven times hotter than ever before. But blessed be God, while these end-time Shadrachs, Meshachs, and Abed-Negoos stand in the furnace of tribulation there appears with them ONE LIKE UNTO THE SON OF GOD.

THE GREAT TRIBULATION — Deuteronomy 4:23-31.

A new generation has arisen in the wilderness and is being instructed in the Mosaic Covenant. They were not to bow down to graven images nor provoke God to anger. God called heaven and earth to witness that if they forsook him and departed from His statutes, He would scatter them among the nations, but for His mercy sake He would not utterly destroy them. Moreover, if they would seek His face in repentance and turn again unto the Lord their God, He would have mercy and abundantly pardon because of the oath He swore unto their fathers.

Seeing that this has been true of them in the past and present, we assuredly believe that it will be true of them in the future. This is pre-eminently true of Israel. They must come back into future glory. This is distinctly set forth by all the prophets from Isaiah to Malachi.

Verse 30 says, "And when THOU ART IN TRIBULATION EVEN IN THE LATTER DAYS, IF THOU WILT TURN UNTO THY GOD AND OBEY HIS VOICE HE WILL BE MERCIFUL." Here we have a prophecy thousands of years old depicting Israel's last days, and greatest of all tribulation with the assurance of Divine help to those who wish it. There is no doubt but what every time Israel suffers tribulation they may have thought this was their latter day tribulation.

Most all prophecy has a local fulfillment, a continuous fulfillment and a final fulfillment. I believe that Jews today could legitimately read of Jacob's trouble and apply it to the frightful persecution they are now suffering. The Thessalonians believed that the day of the Lord was at hand because of

tribulation they were suffering. (2 Thess. 2.)

Again, the destruction of Jerusalem could easily be taken as the great tribulation—Israel's sorrow. Nevertheless, the present state of the Jews, the tremendous bulk of unfulfilled prophecy, the catalogue of appalling events that usher in the reign of Messiah all prove that the awful period of judgment known as the Great Tribulation, so unlike any before it or after, has not yet arrived. It is strictly defined as "latter days," "time of end" and "the great tribulation" and "Jacob's trouble."

JEREMIAH 30.

Jeremiah was told to write in a book that the days were coming when God would turn again the captivity of Israel and cause them to possess the land of their fathers. He saw a day coming when every man, pale-faced and weak-kneed, would hold his loins as a woman when in travail. He cried Alas for that great day, (the tribulation) so that none is like it (surpasses all): this is even the time of Jacob's trouble. But he shall be saved out of it. The church is saved from it. Israel is saved out of it. The church, like Enoch, will be raptured away. Israel, like Noah, will survive the waters of tribulation, preserved by God. God will break the gentile yoke (the Roman despot in the time of the end) and they shall serve the Lord their God (in the millennium) and David their King (Christ, their true Messiah) whom I will raise up unto them; and ye shall be my people and I will be your God. All this speaks of reunion, reconciliation and restoration.

DANIEL 12:1.

Here again we have mention of this unparalleled, unprecedented time of sorrow. Right after the delineation of Antichrist, chapter 11:36-45, we read, "And at that time (the time of the end) shall Michael stand up, that great prince of Daniel's people (Israel) and THERE SHALL BE A TIME OF TROUBLE SUCH AS NEVER WAS SINCE THERE WAS A NATION EVEN TO THAT SAME TIME."

Daniel predicts five world kingdoms consummating in Christ's everlasting kingdom. Before that is set up the kingdom will be counterfeited by a ten-kingdom confederation under the dictatorship of revived Rome's Imperial Head. This blatant blasphemer after securing a covenant with the Jews then in the land, allowing temple worship, breaks his covenant in the middle of the week (7 years). It is at this period that Michael wages warfare in heaven, casting down Satan and his host. Satan is so enraged that he concentrates his effort against Israel's glorious remnant who are standing for God and will not receive the mark of the Beast. Michael stands up for Israel at that time and leads them to the place prepared of God in the wilderness, standing watch for God's elect. These are known unto God before the foundation of the world. Their names are found in His book. These awake to everlasting life and shine as stars forever and inherit the kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world.

MATTHEW 24

In answer to the disciples question regarding the END OF THE AGE and the SIGN OF HIS COMING the Lord informs them of wars and rumors of war; nation against nation; famine; pestilence; earthquakes; false prophets; endurance to the end and the gospel of the kingdom preached. Also, when ye (Jews) see the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet (notice Christ notifies us that this is a sign of the end of the age and sign of His coming) standing in the holy place—those that read will understand. They (the Jews) were to flee, praying that their flight would not be on the Sabbath (because he would be de-

layed by observing it) nor in the winter time (because of delay through exposure), and woe unto them with child or having young upon the breast (because of the frightful disadvantage of flight under such conditions); For THEN (time word) WHEN? After the image is set up in the restored temple at Jerusalem; THEN after the end-time prince causes sacrifice and offering to cease. THEN in the middle of Daniel's last week (7 years); THEN when the Beast defies himself by forced worship of his image (universal idolatry); THEN Israel was to flee, horror stricken to the mountains of Judea; THEN the time of Jacob's trouble would start; THEN WOULD BE THE GREAT TRIBULATION; THEN would come the worst period in the world's history. Nothing can compare with it before or after, and except those days be shortened no flesh would be saved.

It is during the last three and a half years of Daniel's week that the emperor beast opens his mouth in blasphemy against God and those that dwell in heaven. Energized by Satan he carries on his nefarious work for 42 months (3½ years). He makes war against the saints (Jewish saints). His power becomes universal and all worship him whose names are not found written in the Book of Life. God can never forsake Israel, so He has a place prepared for them in the wilderness where He will nourish them for 3½ years (duration of Beast's reign) God will hide them until the indignation be passed until the Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; the earth also shall disclose her blood and no more cover her slain (Isa. 26:20-21).

MARK 13:14-23

Mark's passage is very similar to that of Matthew and is, no doubt, the same discourse. When the abomination of desolation stands where it (he) ought not, Jews in Judea were to flee to the mountains to the city of refuge prepared of God for His people. For in those days shall be affliction (tribulation) such as was not from the beginning of the creation unto this time, neither shall be. Except God intervenes none would be saved. But God has an elect remnant chosen of him and for the elect's sake (Israel) those days are shortened. During this tribulation period the False Prophet works wondrous miracles, even to bringing down fire from heaven. Hence his Elijah-like ministry is loudly acclaimed by those who have the mark of the beast. But he cannot deceive God's elect. Take heed now, for behold, I have told you all these things before they come to pass.

REVELATION 7:1-14

Between the breaking of the fifth and sixth seal an angel is seen on the way to seal 144,000 of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel; 12,000 from each tribe. These are the servants of the living God; God's representatives in this unprecedented tribulation. These take up the Gospel of the Kingdom where Christ and the disciples left off. "YE SHALL NOT HAVE MADE THE ROUNDS OF THE CITIES OF ISRAEL UNTIL I COME." Remember, the Jew today can speak almost every language on the earth. These Jews with the seal of God upon them go everywhere preaching the good news that Christ the King is coming to the Mount of Olives to set up His one thousand years' reign on earth. The broadcasting of this message results in a great harvest of Gentiles of every kind and of every tongue.

John, the writer of the Apocalypse, asks a representative of the raptured church (elders), Who are these arrayed in white robes and whence came they? The answer is, THESE ARE THEY WHICH CAME OUT OF THE GREAT TRIBULATION (Turn to page 8)

The Great Tribulation

By, Philip Mauro

(Before reading this article read the one entitled "Mauro-Griswood Articles," page 4.)

I have been asked to contribute a paper on the above subject. Hence these pages.

By "the great tribulation," wherever that expression occurs in this paper, is meant that period of appalling affliction whereof our Lord prophesied when He said:

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no nor ever shall be" (Matt. 24:21; also Mk. 13:19; and Luke 21:22, 23).

There is general agreement that the period to which Christ was here referring is the same that Jeremiah foretold in these lamentable words:

"Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble" (Jer. 30:11-7).

Also that it is the same whereof the angel spake to Daniel, saying:

"And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time" (Dan. 12:1).

We ask then: (1) What is the great tribulation? and (2) When did (or will) it occur?

My answer is that what Christ and the two prophets were foretelling in the above quoted utterances was that time of unparalleled distress which came with destructive power upon the Jewish people, their land and city, in the first Christian century and culminated in the destruction of Jerusalem by the Roman armies (A. D. 70), and the scattering of the survivors of the nation throughout the world. The testimony of the Scriptures, some of which will be cited in what follows, supports this conclusion so convincingly as to make any other view of the matter altogether inadmissible, in my opinion.

The Seventy Weeks and the Great Tribulation

Attention should be given at the outset to what is manifestly a reference to the great tribulation in the prophecy of the seventy weeks (Dan. 9:24-27). I pointed out in a previous paper that the tribulation predicted in that prophecy was not to come within the period of the 70 weeks, but that it was nevertheless connected with the six great things which were to be fulfilled within that period. The reference is in verse 26, where it is foretold that the Roman people should "destroy the city and the sanctuary." Furthermore, in chapter 12:1 the angel informs Daniel of "a time of trouble," that was to come upon the children of his people, "such as never was" since there had been a nation of Israel. In this connection, however, the angel declares (and special note should be taken of this):

"And at that time they people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book."

In marvelously exact correspondence with this prediction is the historical fact that, during the siege of Jerusalem, opportunity was given—undoubtedly by the special intervention of the Almighty—to those who knew and believed Christ's Olivet prophecy to make their escape from the doomed city. Those were they whose names were "found written in the book."

"The Wise Shall Understand"

Our Lord had the Prophecy of Daniel very much in mind during His last visit to Jerusalem; for He referred to "Daniel the Prophet" in His discourse on the Mount of Olives; and He very significantly added, "Whoso readeth [Daniel] let him understand." And let me here observe that, although it may not be for us a serious matter to postpone the fulfilment of that important prophecy concerning "the abomination of desolation" to a distant future era,

yet any of Christ's disciples who should have made that mistake at the time (A. D. 70) when the threatened judgment was about to fall upon Jerusalem, would have paid for it with their lives. Those, however, who were "wise" unto salvation at that time were given to "understand" the prophecy; whereas the unbelieving Jews, who "wickedly" opposed their Messiah and caused His death, did "not understand" it. And this again is precisely what the angel had foretold to Daniel. For it is recorded that, in reply to Daniel's question concerning "the end of these wonders" (12:6) the angel said:

"Many shall be purified"—by faith in Jesus Christ—"and made white"—by His blood—"and tried"—by fiery persecutions—; "but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand" (12:10).

The fulfilment was marvelously exact; for Christ's disciples, "the wise," were given to "understand" that the destruction of the city was at hand; whereas the unbelieving Jews fatuously trusted the assurances of their blind leaders that there would be a divine intervention for the salvation of the city and nation.

Filling up the Measure of the National Sin

The Lord Jesus, just previous to the utterance of His Olivet prophecy, had pronounced His scathing judgment upon the Jewish leaders in the temple; and in the course thereof He addressed them as, "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers," and plainly intimated that they were about to "fill up the measure" of their fathers' sins. Nor would their wickedness stop with His crucifixion; for when the messengers of Christ should come to them with the gospel of God's pardoning love, they would "kill and crucify"—and scourge—and persecute them. And thereby they would bring upon themselves a retribution for "all the righteous blood shed upon the earth." Sealed with His tremendous Amen ("verily") our Lord solemnly declared that "All these things shall come upon this generation" (Matt. 23:31-36).

Those words of Christ make certain that the greatest of all the national calamities in the history of the world was to fall upon that atrociously wicked generation; and hence there can be no "time of Jacob's trouble," no "time of trouble such as never was," yet in store for that nation.

The words of Christ concerning those approaching days of wrath, as recorded by Luke, are these: "For these be the days of vengeance that all things that are written may be fulfilled" (Luke 21:22). Nothing

then remains for fulfilment in a yet future day.

From the same Gospel we learn that when Christ was approaching the holy city on His last visit He was so sorely distressed at the thought of the awful calamities soon to overwhelm it that He wept over it. (Read Luke 19:41-44 and 23:28-31.)

The apostle Paul, writing shortly before the destruction of Jerusalem, strongly confirms what I have stated above, using language which makes it simply impossible that there could ever be in any future day another and more severe stroke of judgment upon that people. For, speaking of that generation of Jews, he said:

"Who both killed the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men; forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins away; for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost" (1 Thess. 2:16).

Such being the facts, as clearly testified by the Word of God, it is certain that the great tribulation, "the time of Jacob's trouble," the era of "trouble such as never was since there was a nation" [of Israel], is now long past; and the assurance of this fact should give us much consolation.

The Abomination of Desolation

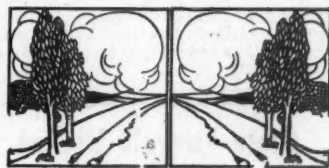
I have yet, however, to present the strongest proof. This is found in our Lord's Olivet prophecy itself. And let me remark that, when I entered upon the study of this evidence, I was thoroughly committed to the view that the great tribulation would occur at the end of this present gospel era. But, to my surprise and chagrin, I found that the evidence was directly contrary to that view. What I found was:—

(1) That the words of Luke 21:20-24, beginning, "And when ye shall see Jerusalem encompassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh," referred (as no expositor would dispute) to the then approaching destruction of Jerusalem by the Roman armies under Titus;

(2) That the words found in the corresponding part of Matthew, beginning, "When ye shall see the abomination of desolation—stand in the holy place" (Mat. 24:15-22; Mk. 13:14-20) refer to precisely the same event.

In my book, "The Seventy Weeks and the Great Tribulation," I have shown that "the abomination"—a word that means any detestable or destructive thing—"that maketh desolate" applied to the Roman armies, which actually made Jerusalem and Judea

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THE GREAT TRIBULATION—

By Griewood

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having washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. These follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth, serving Him night and day in His holy temple.

WILL THE CHURCH PASS THROUGH IT?

In Revelation 3:10, Christ's message to the true church, He says, THOU HAST KEPT MY WORD AND HAST NOT DENIED MY NAME, and because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also (Christ) will keep thee (the true church) from that hour of trial (tribulation) which shall come upon all the world (inhabited earth) to try them that dwell upon the earth. The church is not an earth dweller, but one whose citizenship is in heaven from whence we expect the Saviour to come according to his promise, and deliver us from wrath to come. 1 Thess. 1:10.

In Romans 8:1 Paul states there is no condemnation (judgment) to those in Christ Jesus, and God has not appointed us unto wrath. 1 Thess. 5:9 Christ says, passed from death unto life (eternal) and shall never (no, never) come into judgment. John 5:24.

The tribulation is distinctly a judgment period in which the unmitigated wrath of God is poured out. Read Revelation, chapters 4 and 5, and see the true church in heaven before the tribulation begins.

ORDER OF EVENTS DURING TRIBULATION

Reading from Revelation 6 to 19 we have a distinct period of judgment commencing with the release of the four horsemen and culminating in the blood-drenched onslaught of Armageddon. The seal judgments released by the Lamb (Christ) are mild compared to those under the trumpets (by angels), growing in fury and intensity as finally dispensed by God Himself under the bowl judgments.

First Half of the Week—3½ years

Release of the four horsemen—False Peace, Warfare, Famine, Death; Martyrs; Earthquakes; Sealing of 144,000 of Israel; Salvation of multitude of Gentiles; Hail and fire; Shipping destroyed; Bitter waters; Demon activity; Plagues; Jerusalem trodden down for 42 months (3½ years); The two witnesses testify for 1260 days.

Last Half of the Week—3½ years

Satan cast down in middle of week—(It is here the Beast breaks his covenant with Israel);

Israel taken care of for 1260 days;
War in heaven—Satan comes down having great wrath;
Persecutes the Jewish remnant;
The Beast out of the sea—The Beast out of the earth;
The everlasting gospel;
Doom of Beast worshippers and vision of Armageddon;
The seven last plagues;
The seven bowls of the wrath of God;
Babylon the Great and the last form of Gentile power;
The fall of Babylon;
The Lord's descent to earth—Armageddon fought—Doom of Beast—False Prophet and Kings of earth;
Satan bound;
The Kingdom of Christ set up.

CONCLUSION

It is unfortunate that through the church's misappropriation of Israel's promise she has naturally accepted her warnings and punishments. This of necessity produces unlimited confusion and has caused many to believe that they will have to pass through "Jacob's trouble." Some have gone so far as to declare that part of the church

will be raptured and part left for tribulation. Still greater discord is added by fundamental brethren who seek to explain away the tribulation as an event that transpired with the fall of Jerusalem A. D. 70. These and other interpretations cannot be commented on at this time.

A New Work Opened

By, Charles E. Hurlburt

Near the Continental Divide of Africa, between Lake Edward and the great forest of the Congo to the west, there lies one of the neglected spots of the earth—not neglected by those who seek the treasures of earth, for gold has been found in that vicinity and roads are being built, mines are being opened and all the intense activity incident to such discoveries may be found. The country is densely populated. The lowest estimate places the number of people at two hundred and fifty thousand to whom the way of life has not yet been published. It is a high, healthful country, from six thousand to seven thousand feet above the sea. There are different dialects but a language so similar that one translation will probably be sufficient to bring the Bible to them all. They are "a thrifty people cultivating large tracts of land." Unmarred by the sins of civilization, but utterly benighted with the darkness of ignorance and superstition and sin.

The Unevangelized Africa Mission is opening a station in this section with a group of ten workers, five young men and their wives. Rev. Paul F. E. Hurlburt, who has spent most of his life on the mission field, is the leader of the little band. As they begin the work of studying the language, making translations, teaching the children to read, and preaching the glad tidings of life in Christ Jesus they ask for the earnest prayers of all who are God's remembrancers, and especially desire prayer that more laborers may be sent forth into this field.

There are trained nurses in the party, but no doctor. A very efficient one in another mission two hundred miles away volunteers such help as he may give, but there should be a resident physician. Where is the skillful physician and surgeon whom God has chosen and called but who has not yet responded? The time may be very, very short for proclaiming the Gospel of grace around the world. Should not these neglected districts be speedily occupied? Shall we not seek for ourselves and one another that purification of life, that devotion to God that shall enable us to hear and to obey "the voice of Him who spake as never man spake?" "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest."

Bible Lover's Digest

This is the caption of the new monthly Bible Lover's Digest being published by Keith L. Brooks of Los Angeles. It is a pocket size edition of sixteen pages, but as one begins to read, it expands. As the editor says, his aim is to make it fit the pocket—and the heart. Almost every line gives the Bible student something good to think about. It is stimulating. Brooks knows how to make righteousness readable. Now that he is free to give his entire thought to this enterprise, we shall expect to see improvement in every issue and in due time we are sure the number of pages will be increased.

Brooks writes The Defender that through the gift of a friend he was able to send the first issue to over 900 missionaries and he hopes to be enabled to do this monthly with-

Typical Of Many

A lengthy article dealing with the Bible Institute of Los Angeles situation appeared in these columns last month entitled, "Biola Bursts." In it we tried to make public the facts of the case, giving both sides of the sad story. The article has proved popular and many expressions of appreciation like the following have come to us:

Dear Brother Winrod:

I thank you for making the accurate report of the condition at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles at the present time. I am greatly interested in that institution for it has been my privilege to spend three years there, and graduate in the year 1925.

Ever since the inharmonious conditions arose in the Institute it has been my desire to know the absolute facts on both sides, and later the reason why the Dean and others resigned.

"The Defender" magazine has been my only clear information on the same. This School has meant much to me, many blessings have flooded my soul during the time spent there. Furthermore through it I have had the training which has enabled me to be in the ministry at present.

My heart was sad when I read your report, but I would rather know the facts as they are which will open our minds more clearly and help us to understand how to pray about the matter.

May God heal the wound that has come to B. I., is my prayer. May God bless you in your work.

Your Brother in Christ,

J. W. Bergen.

(A Kansas Pastor)

A lady in Northfield, Minnesota, writes as follows:

"Permit me to thank you for 'The Defender' for January containing the fairest and most Christian statement of Biola matters that has come to me. I left B. I. in July and have been deeply perplexed and grieved by the conflicting reports that have come to me since that time. . . ."

out charge to these needy servants of Christ. As a result of the mention given in The Defender, a goodly number sent their dollar bills to get the first twelve numbers. We would like to see many others do so. The paper is intensely spiritual. It is full of Bible nuggets. It contains no long articles. Write Mr. Brooks at 2003 Addison Way, Los Angeles, California.



PAUL W. ROOD

Paul W. Rood, pastor of the great Swedish Church of Turlock, California, and President of the Bryan Bible League, is well known to the Defender Family. Mr. Rood will be one of the speakers at the gathering of The Defenders of the Christian Faith in Indianapolis, February 3rd to 10th. His clear radio voice will be heard over WKBF, February 3rd to 6th, between 10:00 and 11:00 P. M.

THE GREAT TRIBULATION—By Mauro
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a "desolation," and tit the words "standing in the holy place" could not mean in the holy of holies of the Temple, because (1) the Greek word he used by our Lord means simply a holycity, and could not signify anything else than the environs of Jerusalem, "the holycity;" (2) that an idol standing in the inner sanctuary, which only the high priest entered, could not possibly be a sign to the people to flee; and (3) that such an "abomination" could not be a thing "that maketh desolate."

Hence the modern idea that the Temple is to be rebuilt in the days of Antichrist, that an image of Antichrist is to be set up in the Sanctuary to be worshiped, that said image is "the abomination of desolation," and that the setting up thereof will bring on "the great tribulation"—all of which is purely a work of the human imagination—is contrary to the plain testimony of Scripture; testimony which was intended to be understood, and which was understood by the disciples of Christ of that generation. Happy for them that the modern theory we are here considering had not then been invented and there were no Bible Schools devoted to its propagation.

Indeed, so far as I am aware, there never was, until very recent times, any other view concerning the abomination of desolation than that given in Smith's Bible Dictionary:

"Abomination of Desolation, mentioned by our Saviour, Matt. 24:15, as a sign of the approaching destruction of Jerusalem, with reference to Daniel 9:27; 11:31; 12:11. The prophecy referred ultimately to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans, and consequently the abomination must describe some occurrence connected with that event."

The sign that Christ gave when He used the words, "When ye shall see the abomination of desolation—then let them which be in Judea flee to the mountains"—fully served its intended purpose; for, as Bishop Newton says:

"We learn from ecclesiastical histories that at this juncture all who believed in Christ departed from Jerusalem and removed to Pella and other places beyond the river Jordan; so that they all marvelously escaped the general shipwreck of their countrymen; and we do not read anywhere that so much as one of them perished in the destruction of Jerusalem."

The Horrors of the Siege of Jerusalem

It is not possible in the space at our disposal to give even a faint idea of the unparalleled atrocities and cruelties that attended the destruction of the holy city in A. D. 70. But, happily for our appreciation of the marvelous accuracy of our Lord's prophecy, a complete and detailed account of that unpeakable tragedy, written by a thoroughly qualified chronicler, the Jewish historian Josephus, has come down to our times. I must content myself for the present with the remark that, from this authoritative source it clearly appears that "the tribulation of those days" was indeed "such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created" (Luke 21:19). How thankful then should we be for the assurance that "neither shall be" the like thereof again.

No Proof to the Contrary

It has become my habit, formed by fifty years of legal training and practice, to cite the evidence for whatever I aver; and this I have done in the present article. In conclusion then, I wish to say that I am familiar with the arguments whereby it is sought to establish the view that the great tribulation foretold by Christ in His Olivet prophecy is yet in the future, but in all that has been written in advocacy of that view I have not found thus far a scrap of evidence—nothing but conjecture and unwarranted inference from obscure passages of Scripture. Therefore I would urge the reader, when next he peruses an article that places the great tribulation in a yet future day (and very likely the opportunity will soon present it-

self), to scrutinize the statements carefully and note just what evidence (if any) the writer adduces in support thereof. It is an unquestioned maxim of law that averments without proof are utterly unavailing. Washington, D. C., December, 1928.

Even So, Come Lord Jesus

By, Keith L. Brooks

The subject of the whole Bible—in three words—is "Jesus is Coming!" The Old Testament declared in prophecy and type that He would come. The New Testament informs us that He did come as "the Lamb of God" and that He will come again at the consummation of the age.

There are more references to His second coming in the New Testament than there are pages in an ordinary Testament. One out of every 25 verses, we are told, relates to this subject.

There is not a Christian grace or virtue but the imminence of His coming is used to enforce it (1 Pet. 1:13; 2 Tim. 4:1-2; 1 John 3:3; 2:28; Tit. 2:12-13). It is bound up with every great doctrine of the Faith—the atonement (Heb. 9:28); God's victory over Satan (Rev. 19:11; 20:3); the believer's perfection as a son (1 John 3:2); the overcoming of corruptibility (1 Cor. 15:51-53; Col. 3:4; 1 Thess. 4:16-17).

Jesus is coming to Receive His own (John 14:3); to Release the bodies of believers (1 Cor. 15:22, 23); to Reorganize Israel (Rom. 11:26); to Readjust nations (Mt. 25:32); to Rebuke the wicked (2 Thess. 2:8); to Restore nature (Rom. 8:22-23); to Reign as King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 17:14).

The last recorded words of our Lord in the Bible are: "Surely I come quickly" (Rev. 22:20). He comes to His Church as "the bright and morning star" (Rev. 22:16). The Church is the heavenly people with the heavenly hope. Starlight is for watchers only (Rev. 3:10). Those who are of the world's darkness will not be among the company who shall behold the morning star. "Be ye ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

He will come "quickly." In these days that word should be ever sounding in the Christian's ear. We believe His coming close at hand and the epitome of all our prayers is "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" What comes to us from heaven as a promise, we cannot but breathe back to heaven as a prayer. God speed the day! It means the extinction of sorrows, the cessation of pain, the wiping away of all tears, the perfection of saints, the descent of the New

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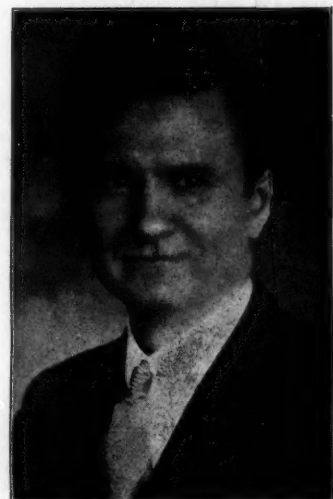


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The Seven Churches of the Revelation

By, Gerald B. Winrod



INTRODUCTION

John was an old man. Perhaps he was feeble. He had suffered in his day. The Roman Government had persecuted him. He had been banished to lonely, rocky, desolate Patmos. He was shut out from the world, and shut in with God. Have you noticed how God's black clouds always have silver linings? Later, another John suffered—John Bunyan—and he found a silver lining in the Bedford Jail; he came out with Pilgrim's Progress.

With feeble arm and trembling quill John wrote the Book of Revelation. It is a wonderful Book. The Patmos Vision is a wonderful vision. It contains both history and prophecy. It speaks of the past and reveals the future.

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day," says John. Behind him he hears a great voice as of a trumpet. "I turned to see," he continues. He beheld seven golden candlesticks, or lampstands. Jesus was walking among the candlesticks, and what a beautiful description John gives of Jesus! John had associated with Jesus in times past, and now he knew him at sight. In the right hand of Jesus, John saw seven sparkling stars. The voice of Jesus was as the "sound of many waters."

John was puzzled! What could this mean? He was so astounded that he "fell at His (Jesus') feet as dead." What devout Christian, shut in with God, passive to the Spirit in heart and mind, has not, in times of severe test, suffering, or soul travail, been lifted in inner consciousness to communion with the Spirit, there to feel a divine-electric shock in the soul! When the experience was over and the breath of God, like the fresh mountain breeze had passed, no word could describe what you had just been through, because,—because, "The things of God are spiritually discerned." Many a saint, in time of severe testing, has had photographed in the soul, perhaps while sleeping when the conscious mind was silent, a picture from the Spirit of what they needed most to know, or do. These are precious moments. Faith is confirmed in such an hour. God becomes real. No wonder John was happy.

John became a stenographer. Jesus did the dictating. John did the writing. The seven candlesticks were symbolic of the seven churches in Asia. Jesus was walking among the churches. The seven stars in His right hand represented the seven pastors in charge of the seven churches. Jesus dictated a letter to the pastor of each church.

At that time there were seven literal churches in Asia, and the letters contained messages adapted to the local needs of those

churches in 96 A. D. But the letters contained a broader meaning, a mystical significance, a prophetic message. The letters were addressed not only to the seven churches, but also to the seven subsequent church-ages. They contained messages for the churches of all time, as well as the churches of Asia.

The cities in which the churches were located constituted a geographical circle beginning at Ephesus the first church, and concluding with Laodicea, the seventh.

CHURCH AGES

We did not arrange the dates of the church ages given below. They may be correct, they may be almost correct, but they have been accepted by competent Bible students and we pass them on.

(1) The first church letter was written to the church at Ephesus, and that church age ended about 100 A. D. (2) The second letter was sent to Smyrna, and that age ended about 311 A. D. (3) The third letter was sent to Pergamos, and that age ended about 590 A. D. (4) The fourth letter was sent to Thyatira, and that age ended about 1517 A. D. (5) The fifth letter was sent to Sardis, and that age ended about 1750 A. D. (6) The sixth letter was sent to Philadelphia, and that age ended about 1850 A. D. (7) The seventh letter was sent to Laodicea, and that age will end with the Second Coming of Christ.

EPHESUS

Ephesus was quite a little city, with an agreeable water front, about forty miles southeast of Smyrna. It was colonized in the eleventh century B. C. It was destroyed by the Goths in 262 A. D., and never rose to its former glory. A small Turkish town called Ayasuluk marks the spot today where beautiful Ephesus once stood.

The Ephesians worshipped the goddess Diana, whose temple, one of the seven wonders of the world, made the city famous. Strange enough, in these surroundings, a prosperous little Christian church was established. The Lord had some fine things to write to that consecrated group of Christians.

Some great preachers had visited Ephesus in their travels. John and Paul had preached there. Timothy remained their pastor quite a while. Paul's letter to the Ephesians reveals something of the high type of spirituality to be found in the congregation. The church was famous for flaming evangelism. It was immune from heresies. It was noted for its fearless loyalty to the Faith. It had "tried them which say they are apostles and are not, and hast found them liars."

The Ephesus church age gave the church a running start. But the Lord told the Ephesians that they had left their "first love." In spite of their virtues, they experienced a declension, a cooling off. The drift of the church began in the Ephesian age, and the loss of love was the cause.

SMYRNA

The city of Smyrna was called, "The lovely," "The crown of Ionia," "The ornament of Asia." Today it has a population of 200,000, one-third of which are Christians.

When the Lord wrote His letter, the city was inhabited largely by Jews who were bitterly opposed to Christ and Christianity. The little church of Smyrna was a suffering church. The Lord deals tenderly with it in His letter. How softly He says, "I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death."

Smyrna means suffering. Smyrna means

blood. Smyrna means sacrifice. It was during the Smyrna church age that the church passed through its terrible persecution. Smyrna was Polycarp's field of usefulness, and here he suffered martyrdom in A. D. 155. The church was persecuted by the world and the Jews during this age. It was corrupted by paganism. It was the suffering church.

About 100,000 Romans were gathered in the old Coliseum. Nero was entertaining a drunken, dissipated populace. Crosses were erected around the arena. Even degenerate Rome was struck with horror, for on every sharp stake or cross, a human being, a helpless Christian, was reeling in pain and agonizing in torture. Fagots were thrown at the feet of every Christian, and their bodies were swathed in oil. The torch was applied and the flesh of several hundred Christians leaped into flames. A hush settled down upon the crowd, a hush broken only by the cries of dying Christians as their voices pierced the black air of that dark night. The vulgar games continued until late into the night. Nero shouted and laughed the hideous laugh of the damned. This is Smyrna. This is the beginning of the Smyrna church age.

What did Rome do that night? Did Rome blot Christianity out? No. Rome committed suicide. Christianity was lighted a flaming torch to shine through the ages. Rome burned in July of the next year.

PERGAMOS

Pergamos was a center of learning. It gets its names from "pergamenta," which means parchment. It had a vast library of 200,000 volumes which was later given by Anthony to Cleopatra and removed to Egypt. Pergamos was famous for its grove which was filled with statues, altars and idols. It was recognized as the most beautiful city in Asia. It had gorgeous pagan cathedrals, a university, royal residences, and was embellished by a succession of kings who had a passion for expenditure. It became a city of sensuous worship and Jesus, in His letter, referred to it as the place "where Satan's seat is." Antipas, the "faithful martyr," was slain there. Pergamos had a temple built in honor of Augustus.

The Pergamos church age was a parallel to the Pergamos church. Men were deified. Roman emperors were worshipped. This honor was later taken over by popes. Worship was conferred upon Constantine. He was favorably impressed with the teachings of Christianity, and preferred them to paganism. Finally he published the edict against paganism and tried to promote Christianity by use of the sword, and war was waged under the emblem of the cross. Apostate Christianity and State were united in adulterous union. Christianity was poured into the grooves of pagan rites, images, idols and ceremonies. Pergamos accepted the very heresies that Ephesus rejected and Jesus in His letter rebuked them for doing so.

THYATIRA

Thyatira was a city of scarlet. The waters of the city are said to be so well adapted to dyeing that in no place can the scarlet cloth out of which fezes are made, be so brilliantly and permanently dyed. In Acts 16:14, Lydia, the first convert of Paul in Philippi, is described as a seller of purple from Thyatira. Like its waters, Thyatira became scarlet in religious doctrine and conduct.

Woman worship invaded the little flock at Thyatira. The church was seduced by this teaching during the Thyatira church age. Jesus, in His letter, referred to the teachings of "that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed to idols." Here is a comparison between fierce and lustful

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Marvelous Works of Grace in South Africa

By, J. Lyle Shaw



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(Editor's Note: The writer of the present article is Founder and Pastor of the Cleveland Whole Gospel Tabernacle, of Cleveland, Ohio. His Church is one of the great Gospel centers of the Country. It is operated on the interdenominational plan where all classes and types of people may come and worship. Mr. Shaw keeps Bible conferences going all the time. Such men as F. B. Meyer, the late Dr. Blanchard, president of Wheaton College, Philip Mauro and many others have been there. It was the joy of the present editor to spend two weeks with Mr. Shaw late last year. His magnificent building accommodates about 2,000 persons. His heart is in a great Missionary undertaking in South Africa, described in the following article. Christians who have the burden of the Dark Continent upon their souls will thank God and take hope after reading this story. Mr. Shaw is one of the finest, brotherly men we have ever met.)

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." Matt. 28: 18, 19.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

I wonder if Jesus did not mean what He is saying? And, can it be that what He repeatedly commands in His Holy Word, He did not mean?

If we review the history of the Christian Church, it is most evident that these words of the Lord Jesus were not taken seriously. O, yes, that apostolic church took the commands literally and with Holy Ghost power throbbing and vibrating through her constituency the Church well nigh evangelized the world in one generation. And groups of believers, here and there, through the centuries, and now, who have allowed the Holy Spirit reveal to them Jesus, the world's greatest missionary, with His wounds and scars, have come to believe that He means just what He says. These are being used in a mighty, supernatural way in getting others to know and to love Jesus. But you know that the Church, choosing to be called by His Name, has given little heed to the sacred trust committed to their charge.

We are among those who believe that Christ's command to evangelize must be taken by Christians at its face value. Since He asks nothing of us beyond "tests of discipleship" as praying, giving, going, while the Lord assumes the entire responsibility for the directing of the world evangelization campaign, supplying the message, the money, the men and all the Almighty energy necessary through the Holy Spirit,

and even promises His own divine perpetual Presence "unto the consummation of the age." There surely is no excuse for letting any generation of men die without a knowledge of the claims of salvation from sin and death.

Some thirty years ago an Irish colonial, son of an African transport rider, by the name of E. H. Mahon was near death with lung disease. His doctor reported one lung gone entirely, and the other effected. Through coughing, bleeding of the lungs, periodical attacks of malaria fever contracted among natives in Mashonaland, Rhodesia, he became very weak. His wife also was a sick woman and their two children were in distress.

The news somehow got to their hearts that God was merciful and still healed the sick. They studied the Bible, committed their cases to the Lord in prayer, and were all healed, almost instantly.

A story of fascinating interest follows as to how in South Africa in this century, as in the days of the incarnate Son of God in His century, a mighty healing ministry for the restoring of bodies, accompanied the preaching of the gospel for the salvation of the soul, and literally "the Lord working with them" (the Mahons) "and confirming the word with signs following."

This noble ministry, carried on in the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit has spread into some eight states, or provinces as they call them over there. The Zulu and Basutoland Mission, of which Mr. and Mrs. Mahon were the founders and directors in Africa during all these years, is altogether "the most aggressive and progressive gospel work in South Africa." It comprises hundreds of live Spirit-directed congregations with many thousands of native communicants. A portion of the fruitage of these two saintly lives is represented by fourteen native evangelists and five hundred native preachers, all carefully taught in the Word.

There are at present seventeen white missionaries, and scores more are needed to direct under the Holy Spirit this glorious first century movement in this twentieth century. The native workers wholly sanctified and thoroughly sacrificial even unto suffering are lacking in the administrative abilities of the Anglo Saxon race. Hence amazing opportunities are open for the right sort of young life to count big for God, and for those whose means shall send and support them that go.

The Cleveland Whole Gospel Tabernacle, Cleveland, Ohio, is an unsectarian and faith movement standing upon the whole Word of the living God. This movement is just a little more than four years of age and has definitely assumed the responsibility for the evangelization of one of these outlying Provinces named Natal.

Natal is situated between the Drakensberg Mountains and the Indian Ocean having some 140 miles of coastline, 150 miles wide and 240 long. It means a territory approximately the size of the State of Ohio.

There has been recently purchased by the mission a farm of some 350 acres located so as to make the whole territory easily accessible. Gathered around this farm is a native reserve on which some 80,000 natives live. Suitable buildings will be erected as soon as possible as a headquarters to the district, as Mooigelegen, the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Mahon has served through the years as headquarters for the whole mission. As here so the Natal Headquarters will become the home base, where two of our first missionaries, Alfred, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mahon, and his esteemed wife will live, where also a Bible School will be located for the preparation of native pastors and evangelists and workers. Those in training will make their living from the farm, while preparing for the Lord's work.

At this writing the work is under way. Native Christians are breaking up the ground on the farm. Pastor Mabuza, a na-

tive now past eighty years of age, is doing splendid work. A recent convention report informs us that at one meeting two hundred souls crowded the altar seeking the Savior.

Will you join us, praying, praying, praying that in the great harvest fields now over-ripe laborers may be thrust forth?

AND YET MORE

And hast Thou, Father, greater joy than this?
My heart breaks now with rapture, yet I will
Hold it aloft for that still further bliss,
Since all my being cries in hunger still,

Straining toward Thee, and I know, I know
How aches the husk that holds the ripening grain.
I am a slight thing to be mowed so,
A little cloud to hold so much of rain,

Yet give me more, for life and light it is,
And Thou it is, since Life and Light Thou art!
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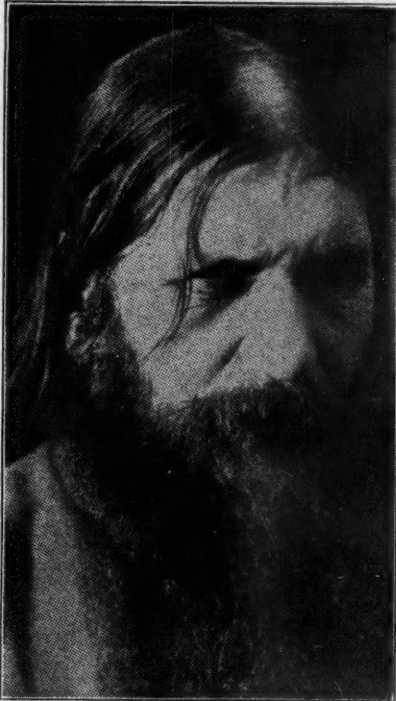
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RASPUTIN—THE HOLY DEVIL OF RUSSIA

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Rasputin

disobeyed God. The voice of God was no longer with him. He went to a woman, the witch of Endor, a woman possessing a "familiar spirit." He resorted to demon forces. Israel was punished and delivered into the hands of the Philistines. There is a reason to believe that the highest Court of Russia became demon-possessed through this man Rasputin, who was worshiped by so many as a divine being.

Just a few days ago, the newspapers carried glaring reports about a communication which Mrs. Houdini is supposed to have received from her husband in the spirit world. Harry Houdini was a magician. He captured and astounded many an audience with his feats of magic. Before his death he became the avowed enemy of Spiritism. But he made an agreement with his wife that she should be watching for a communication from him after his death. Now she claims that a medium, while in a trance, brought to her the secret message of which her husband had told her before his death. She professes to have heard his voice through the medium—that he called her "Darling," "Sweetheart," etc., and told her how to remove her wedding ring. He is supposed to have said that he was happy and that that his mother had helped him get the message through. Spiritualist mediums the world over viewed with satisfaction the millions of dollars worth of free advertising their profession was receiving.

If this whole Houdini transaction is not a fake, it would seem to be the action of demons because John said: "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God; and this is that spirit of anti-Christ."

There is a familiarity with "familiar spirits" and wizards prevalent everywhere that it not good. Now, coming back to Rasputin.

Rasputin was regarded throughout Russia as a divine being. He was always surrounded by a group of women worshipers. He possessed healing and hypnotic powers. We read: "Many people, of course, attempted to withstand Rasputin's magic. They

tried to keep their heads, and fought with all their might against his compelling influence. But even the few who succeeded, and continued to see the human being with his common features, small, cunning eyes, and unkempt beard, could not quite escape his mysterious power."

He came from Siberia. As a boy he displayed magical powers. He had a great power over animals. He was happy when alone with horses. He would stroke and caress their warm bodies. He loved the dim light of the stable. He would often press his face against the horses' neck and mumble half audible tones which only himself and the horses could understand.

When a boy he was sickly, pale and weak. One cold winter he became ill with a fever. For weeks he remained in a semi-conscious state. This Siberian winter was terrible. The snow was deep. The ice was thick. The wind blew terrific blasts through the village streets and across the fields.

In the evening, peasants would assemble around the big stove in the kitchen of his father's home, and in the dim light of the flickering lamp they would eat and talk. This was the recreation of the peasants. They watched the child on the bed with his face turned toward the wall, his body reeling with a burning fever.

One evening there was much to talk about. A horse had been stolen the night before. In the eyes of the Siberian there is no worse crime than horse-stealing. Robbery is bad. Murder is terrible. Horse-stealing is worse. The peasants were puzzled. Suddenly the sick child leaped from his bed, sprang upon the back of a peasant, threw his arms around the man's neck, his slender legs dangling down, calling the man by name, he screamed a hysterical laugh, "Ha! ha! Petr Alexandrovich! You stole the horse! You are the thief!" Petr Alexandrovich was a respected man of means. The boy's conduct was unthinkable. His father was greatly embarrassed and apologized for his son's crazy actions. When the peasants disbanded that night, they could not forget the strange actions of the sick boy. Could Petr Alexandrovich be guilty of such a crime? An investigation was made. The village was amazed to learn that the boy with the fever had spoken correctly. The horse was found on the property of Petr Alexandrovich.

Where did the lad get such strange power? The boy was watched by the peasants, and no peasant could explain. They only knew that he was "peculiar."

Rasputin grew to be a young man. He was wild about girls, and lived a "disorderly and dissipated life." He was married and became the father of three children.

After varied experiences Rasputin entered a monastery. Gradually he learned the doctrines and terms of the Church. His contact with monks, his prayers, his studies, seemed to start something blazing within him. He plunged into mysticism. An old hermit influenced him. He saw visions. Many experiences entered into his life that tended to influence him toward the esoteric. Time went on. His mental powers seemed to be unlocked.

Leaving the monastery he returned home for a time. Soon he left home, family, horses, and started to wander from place to place. He went on a pilgrimage. He lived a life of vagabondage many years. Thousands of "Holy men" roam over Russia. They are supposed to be messengers called of God. They were adherents of varied sects, preachers of fantastic ideas. With bread-sack over his back and a staff in his hand, he wandered for many years.

His absence weighed heavily upon the spirits of his wife. She cherished a picture of him and hoped daily for his return. When strange pilgrims or tramps came through the village she was careful to inquire whether or not they had seen a man that met the description of her husband.

Weird stories came to the village about

his display of supernatural powers in other places. People believed he was a messenger sent from God. We read: "Another story had it that this peculiar wanderer held strange services in the depths of the forests with pretty young girls and women. He first made crosses from boughs, and prayed before them with his disciples. When his devotions were over he threw his arms about the women, fondled and kissed them, and then all sang and danced. In explanation he declared that these kisses, caresses, songs and dances, formed part of the divine service and rejoiced and cheered the Lord."

"Soon more serious rumors began to be current among the peasants. It was said that, at these forest services, the stranger did not restrict himself to caressing his 'sisters', as he called his women disciples. There were whispers of festivals at which the unknown and his train of women kindled huge fires of leaves and branches, sent up fervent prayers, and sang hymns. Then they all danced around the flames, until the women were seized by a mad delirium, and the prophet cried in a strange voice, 'Abase yourselves through sin!'"

Other reports came back to the effect that he had the power to heal sick bodies. Once, it was said, he cursed a community which had refused to submit to him. He shouted, "Let there be no rain for three months." And it did not rain for twelve weeks according to the report. Now, the peasants back in Rasputin's village really had something to talk about!

One night there was a sudden knock at the door of his home. A bearded man stood facing his wife as she opened the door. She knew him. All the family ran to meet him. They were astonished at his solemn tone. He refused their caresses and made the sign of the cross. His children shrank.

There was a secret cellar under his house. The door was thrown open and he entered the damp, musty den. Day and night for three weeks he stayed there, shrieking in prayer. In a weird, monotonous groan he went on and on with his sing-song lamentation.

Peasants from far and near came to hear the voice in the cellar. Worldly duties were neglected in the village. All interest centered around the cellar. Gradually a few men and women got up courage enough to venture near. Some even dared to enter the cellar. In every instance they came away saying that a strange power existed there. The women and young girls were particularly impressed and thrilled by the small, piercing eyes of the cellar preacher.

There was one man in the village who was not impressed with Rasputin's prayers. He hated Rasputin. He dared to oppose and denounce him as Antichrist. That man was the village priest. He had watched his members forsake the fold one by one and go over to the teachings of the peculiar man in the cellar. The priest's little dumpy figure would tremble with rage, and his eyes would blaze, when Rasputin's name was mentioned. To the priest—there was a devil uttering blasphemies in the cellar. But when once he ventured down the cellar steps he came under Rasputin's hypnotic spell and departed a conquered cleric. Before the peasants of the village he was an embarrassed wreck. He believed that the hideous man and voice in the cellar had thrown the power of Antichrist over his soul.

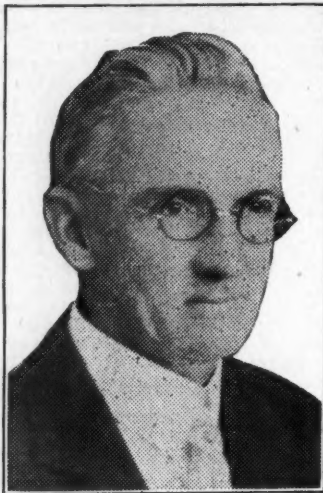
When his cellar ministry was ended, Rasputin remained at home only a short time. The "Holy Man" felt the urge of another pilgrimage and started walking again from village to village.

One day, Rasputin came to a monastery. Travelers would often stop and make use of the hotel of the Seminary. The queer looking peasant attracted the attention of the young student-priests. Some started making fun of him, but they were taken back when the uncouth peasant followed the most intricate argument in such a manner as to

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EVOLUTION—ITS BIOLOGIC PROOFS

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James S. MacInnis

inerrant Word of God, for the whole superstructure of the Book stands upon the opening statements in Genesis. It is indeed tragic that such false and misleading statements are, in many quarters, being crammed down the throats of public school pupils. We protest with all our might against the bootlegging of infidelity and atheism into our public schools through the teaching of figments of the imagination under the guise of science. Evolution is not science. It is science "falsely so called." Science is "Knowledge gained and verified by accurate observation and correct thinking." Evolution is a guess, a hypothesis, a theory, wild and absurd in many cases. Herbert Spencer, the great apologist for evolution, said, "No scientist of repute ever claimed that evolution was science. It was an unproven hypothesis." Professor Frank Allen of the University of Manitoba, very frankly declares: "There is scarcely a theory of science which is generally accepted today, of which I would be ready to affirm that it may not be abandoned within a few years. Nearly all of the theories which were regarded as satisfactory a few years ago, are now either modified or discarded by scientists." Lord Kelvin said shortly before his death: "I marvel at the undue haste with which teachers in our universities and preachers in their pulpits are restating the truth in terms of evolution, while evolution remains an unproved hypothesis in the laboratories of science."

Owing to the fact that the article under review gives a very good idea of the platform of the evolutionists, a brief reply to the four statements in the postulate of the writer will be in order. Postulate is a good word for him to use for the word is defined as: "to assume without proof: use as an argument without proving."

In the first place the doctrine of evolution is not "established beyond controversy." Far, very far from it, the scientists themselves being witnesses. Professor Bateson of England, former president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science at a great meeting in Toronto a few years ago, said: "When students of other sciences ask us now what is currently believed about the origin of species we have no clear answer to give. Faith has given place to agnosticism for reasons which on such occasions as this we may profitably consider. . . . I have put before you very frankly the considerations which have made us agnostics as to the actual mode and process of evolution." Professor Moore, professor of Physics of Cincinnati University, in his masterly book on "The Dogma of Evolution" threw a

bomb-shell when he said: "At the other end of the scale in the reckless disregard of physical law is Professor Osborn who, either wilfully or through inability to comprehend the elementary laws of physics, invents his own physics." No wonder Professor Paul Shorey of Chicago University in a recent magazine article under the heading "Evolution—A Conservative's Apology," said that never again would he be "formula ridden by the Lenins of pseudo-scientific dogma." He further said: "There is in fact no cause that is so immune from criticism today, that is so sacred a cow, not only in the newspaper offices, but in the universities of the north as evolution with a capital E."

In the second statement of the postulate the assertion is made that: "From the standpoint of science, evolution is a great law of nature as firmly established as Newton's law of gravitation." We can only say that the writer of the pamphlet was bluffing when he came away with that one. A statement like that will make any well informed teacher of physics smile, but the ardent believer in the beastly origin of man gladly kicks over board the laws of physics in his zeal to prove that he was not created in the image and likeness of God, but is blood relation to gorillas and baboons. It may afford him some comfort, however, to remember that scientists are now even calling Newton's law in question for, at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science held in Kansas City a few years ago, Professor Dayton C. Miller of Cleveland, "made dents in Einstein's law of relativity just as Einstein made dents in Newton's law of gravitation."

Again we read: "No rival hypotheses are in the field save the worn-out and completely discredited doctrine of special creation." That's another big one and it has to be because the hub of the whole matter is there. The doctrine of the pamphlet to the contrary notwithstanding. Neither is it worn out and completely discredited. The doctrine is the truth of the inerrant Word of God and it will stand, in spite of all attacks upon it, till it is overthrown by facts and not by theories. The whole controversy is between the animal origin of man according to the evolutionist and the "doctrine of special creation" as taught by the Bible. Professor Dana of Yale, was, in his day, almost, if not quite, the intellectual equal of Charles Darwin and in his book entitled "The Geological Story—Briefly Told," said: "The connecting links between man and any manape of past geological time have not been found, although earnestly looked for. The present teaching of geology very strongly confirms the belief that man is not of nature's making. Independent of such evidence, man's high reason, his unsatisfied aspirations, his free will, all afford the fullest assurance that he owes his existence to the special act of the Infinite Being whose image he bears." Sir William Dawson of McGill said: "I know of nothing about the origin of man except what the Bible says, nor do I know of any one who does." But what's the use of quoting further?

The last statement in the postulate reads: "There are no known facts contrary to evolution, while, on the contrary, there are thousands of correlated facts that support it and accord with it." We wonder if the writer of the pamphlet ever heard of Gregor Mendel of Austria and the biogenic laws he established and speaking of whom Professor Bateson well said: "If Darwin had known the truth revealed by the testing of Mendel's law, he would never have written his books." We wonder if he really knows the difference between mutations and transmutations, between development within species and development from one to another. That man came from the lower animals, from the monkey according to Darwin, is not a fact, it is on the contrary, a theory now discredited by many of the leading scientists of the world. Professor D. H. Scott, addressing the British Scientific Association, recently

said: "For the moment at all events, the Darwinian period is past . . . all is again in the melting pot." John Burroughs, the great naturalist, in the Atlantic Monthly a few years ago said: "Darwin has already been as completely shorn of his selection doctrines as Samson was shorn of his locks." Prof. Lionel Beale, King's College, London, who is referred to as the greatest biologist of the century, declares: "There is no evidence that man has descended from, or is, in any way specially related to any other organism in nature through evolution or any other process. In support of all naturalist conjectures concerning man's origin there is not a shadow of scientific evidence. God must be admitted as a working factor in creative processes."

If space permitted we could pile up arguments of the nature of the foregoing in support of our opposition to the teaching of evolution in our tax-supported schools. Such teaching is often made the basis of subtle attacks on the truth of the Word of God. If we are not allowed by law to teach the Bible in our public schools we certainly are going to protest, and that vigorously, to its truth being undermined by teachers who seem to delight in shocking the religious sensibilities of immature minds and bringing ridicule upon divine revelation. At a recent meeting of scientists and educators in New York plans, well financed, were laid to keep the Bible out of the schools and evolution-in. It behooves all who love God's truth and who are loyal to the old Book to see to it that they do not fall asleep at the switch, but put up a vigorous defense of the Faith of our Fathers.

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drive his youthful debaters to shelter. His honored teacher, Father Feofan, the rector of the Academy, was equally overwhelmed by the logic and force of Rasputin. When once he could get his fiery eyes fixed squarely upon them, they were held as if in a trap.

This chance stop at the monastery was one of the turning points in his life, for it was the first of a series of events that finally gave him unlimited power in the Orthodox Church. Father Feofan insisted that Rasputin should remain over until the next day and meet the Venerable Lord Bishop Hermogen who would be passing that way.

Being a good politician, the Bishop was quick to realize that Rasputin could be made a great force for the Church among his type of people. With lightning rapidity Rasputin was given important positions in the Church.

Rasputin taught one particular doctrine that the Church did not teach. It was a wicked doctrine. He taught that man can overcome sin only by dissipating and indulging in that sin. He taught that man can only master sin through carnal vice. He taught that if one has a sin that doth most easily beset him, that one should engage in that sin to the limit of his strength with a view of exhausting it in his nature. It is not difficult to see what that teaching would do to the carnal mind of the unregenerate sinner. It gave everyone an excuse for sinning.

That awful teaching was sent broadcast by Rasputin. It was not long until he stood before millions of people as their religious leader. One of his phrases is said to be: "To hell with sin." His is quoted: "Sin, if sin still lurks in you; only in this way can you overcome it! Sin, then you will repent and drive evil from you. . . . The filth must be expelled."

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THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF THE REVELATION

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Jezebel, wife of Ahab, (1 Kings 16:31) who had no less than 450 prophets of Baal, and the condition of the Thyatira church. Jesus was deeply grieved. We see pagan idolatry and woman worship combined in the Thyatira church age.

What a picture of the development of the Roman church in that age. One writer points out that the church was, and is called, "The Mother Church." He refers to the fact that the Roman Church is said to be infallible, and that in it worship has been transferred from Christ to the Virgin. What is this but religious fornication! Scarlet spirituality!

SARDIS

Anciently, Sardis was a splendid and important city, made up of warlike, active, energetic people. Today, it is waste and desert land, and its climate is so unhealthy as to render the stay of a single night dangerous.

The Lord was displeased with the Sardis church. He said, "I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead." Sardis had a name. Sardis had orthodoxy. Sardis was immune from false teachings.

The church, no doubt, believed the Word of God and the fundamentals of the Faith. But it lacked one thing—life. Its orthodoxy was cold, dead, lifeless. Its testimony, though perhaps militant, had frozen into ice. Could Jesus be displeased with the efforts of well meaning people in our day for similar reasons? Is there a danger of zealous defenders of historic Christianity entering into a warlike spirit, where they become bitter, harsh, unkind and critical, while advocating a chilled, Sardis-like Christianity, in the letter of the law instead of the Spirit's demonstration of power? The church at Sardis overlooked the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel "Not by might, nor by power but by my spirit saith the Lord of hosts."

continued.

This series of articles really constitute a review of the book, "RASPUTIN, THE HOLY DEVIL" By, Rene Fulop-Miller, Published by the Viking Press, New York, N. Y. Price \$5.00.

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By the time of the Sardis church age, an apostate religion had grown up and the spirit of Ephesus was well nigh lost. A peculiar combination of Christianity and paganism existed. In their effort to satisfy the yearnings of their hearts, the people in the church were worshipping images and saints, depending upon masses, ceremonies and indulgences. A commercialized and heartless priesthood had been built up.

It was during the Sardis church age that a young man by the name of Martin Luther entered a monastery to become a monk. Being a man of deep piety and sensitive conscience, he started at the bottom, and prostrated himself by performing the most humble services, such as scrubbing the halls and cells of the monks. In a few years he had learned the system from the ground up.

Little did the apostate church know that God was preparing that young man to shake all Christendom. In later years, at the risk of his life, he dared to oppose the church openly, defy the pope, and rebuke the ecclesiastical autocrats of his time. He learned, to the satisfaction of his own heart, that "The just shall live by faith." Friends warned him not to go to the Diet at Worms, but he replied that if every tile in the roof were a demon, yet he would enter. He entered, and the Reformation was born. The great Protestant systems were established.

But even those early reformers inherited sufficient of the coldness of the church to make necessary the Lord's words to them, "Thou hast a name that thou livest and art dead." The opening wedge was driven in during the Sardis age, but it remained for the next age to start their orthodoxy blazing.

PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia was a remarkable city, situated 952 feet above sea level. It was a Roman town until 1392 A. D., when it fell into the hands of the Turk. It has been rocked by many earthquakes. Today it bears the name of Allah Shehr, meaning, "City of God." One writer thinks that the primitive church in which the Christians worshipped in John's day still stands, now as an old mosque.

The Philadelphia church was a great institution, famous for "brotherly love." The church had in it a true and loyal body of believers. Like Ephesus, it had no doubt experienced some great revivals. It was a center of missionary zeal. Jesus could say to it, "I have loved thee."

During the Philadelphia church age, we find the spiritual tide rising. Wesley's revival broke forth with great power. The supernatural in Christianity was again preached. The precious doctrine of the Lord's return was restored. Missionary programs were launched. It was a wonderful church age.

LAODICEA

The church at Laodicea, situated only forty miles from Ephesus, was entirely unlike the Ephesus church in spiritual things. Ephesus blazed with divine fire; Laodicea was lukewarm. Today the city of Laodicea is a heap of ruins. It is called by the Turks, Eskihissar, meaning "an old castle."

If this accepted arrangement of Scriptural truth be correct, it means that we are living in the Laodicean church age at present. At this point we will not engage in clap-trap, wholesale methods of condemnation, but if this prophetic interpretation is true, then the words of John recorded in Revelation 3: 13-22 are addressed to the church of the twentieth century.

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